

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**JOB TITLE:** Physical Therapist

**GRADE:** 16

**JOB CODE:** 2612

**DATE:** 11/9/95

**GENERAL FUNCTION:** Under the supervision of appropriate medical personnel, directs and supervises a physical therapy program for a local health department and does related work as required.

### **CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Assists the physician in evaluating the patient's level of function and helps develop the plan of treatment.

Treats patients to relieve pain, develop or restore function and maintain maximum performance, using physical means, such as exercise, massage, heat, water, light, and electricity, making use of any available equipment.

Arrange for the provision on an out-patient basis of services which involve the use of equipment which cannot be made readily available in the patient's home.

Observes, records, and reports to the physician the patient's reaction to treatment and any change in the patient's conditions.

Instructs patients in care and use of wheelchairs, braces, crutches, canes, and prosthetic and orthotic devices.

Instructs other health team personnel including, when appropriate, home health aides, and family members in certain phases of physical therapy with which they may work with the patient.

Instruct family on patient's total physical therapy program.

Participates in conferences with health team personnel for the purpose of planning and evaluating total patient care in individual cases.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** General direction, working from broad goals and policies only; incumbent participates heavily in setting work objectives.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:** No supervisory responsibility required. However incumbent would coordinate services with staff

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**JOB SPECIFICATIONS:**

**Knowledge and Abilities:**

Knowledge of the modern techniques, principles, and practices involved in the administration and application of a physical therapy program.

Thorough knowledge of departmental rules and regulations.

Considerable knowledge of laws affecting the treatment of mentally and physically handicapped persons.

Ability to work effectively with lay and professional groups and children.

Ability to write and interpret professional and technical reports and papers.

Ability to plan, arrange, assign, supervise, and inspect the work of others.

Ability to write professional and technical papers and reports.

**Minimum Education, Training and Experience Requirements:** Must be licensed as a Physical Therapist by the Kentucky State Board of Physical Therapy. No experience required.

The intent of this job description is to provide a representative summary of duties and responsibilities that will be required of positions given this title and shall not be construed as a declaration of the specific duties and responsibilities of any particular position. Employees may be requested to perform job-related tasks other than those specifically presented in this description.